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**THE MAY GERMAN.**

**Cotillion Club Makes Its Usual Hit in Honor of Month of May.**

The May German given by the Cotillion Club at Spreckels' Hall last Friday night was in keeping with the season and was up to the reputation of Hilo's leading social organization. The program contained all the interesting diversions usually expected at a Hilo German without any endeavor on the part of the managers to produce startling effects.

The May-pole which had been located in the center of the dance hall, with all the ribbons and decorations of a May-day festival recalled the lines of Dryden.

"For thee, sweet North, the groves green  
If not the first, the fairest of the year;  
For thee, the graces lead the dancing  
hours,  
And Nature's ready pencil paints the  
flowers."

The North was not here with its fairest green but the South, the limpid, wimpling, winsome South, with its breath of sweetness, and spirit of everlasting green, welcomed all with a

"Hail, bounteous May that doth inspire  
Mirth and youth and warm desire."

Everybody desired to be happy. All were happy.

The dance had been arranged for by competent and artistic hands. The hall was decorated, perhaps, not so elaborately as before, but with more aptness and timely taste. The walls bore legends of May, and beautiful Ridgway posters of drowsy milkmaids and lonesome farmer's daughters adorned the four sides of the hall.

The dance was conducted by Frank L. Winter. He called the changes and directed the elaborate figures of the German. There were a few complex knots for Mr. Winter to untie, but nobody cared. Everybody had a good time and left Winter to do the worrying.

Mrs. Tracy presided with her usual grace at the piano. The dance was started with a waltz so entrancing that each and everyone, including the spectators, involuntarily uttered the words of Darwin:

"Sweet May! Thy radiant form unfold.  
Unfold thy blue voluptuous eye,  
And wave thy shadowy locks of gold."

The affairs of the Cotillion Club demand poetry in their description, and if the TRIBUNE artist fails to enlist local talent, the reader must expect him to fall back on the old masters.

The favors for the evening were all of floral design. To Mrs. Gurney, with a corps of assistants, the credit of this success is due. The favors were of flowers.

The refreshments were prepared by a master hand.

The exciting incident of the evening was the selection of the May Queen and her six maids of honor. The system hit upon resulted in the acceptable choice of Miss Franc Eaton as the May Queen. The result was greeted with applause from the guests and the dancers. The maids of honor were none the less fittingly chosen. They were Mrs. McG. Deacon, Mrs. F. B. McStocker, Mrs. Rice, Misses Cheek, Lilioe Hapai and Melinda Canario. When the Queen entered the room properly crowned, accompanied by her train of maids, the applause was flattering both to the honored ladies and to the people who planned the brilliant social success.

The May-pole dance then came. It was beautifully done and the participants may properly flatter themselves.

The guests of the evening were: Misses Arrot, Lyman, Sutton, McClelland, Potter (2), McKenzie, Aiken.

Mesdames Crahan, Curtis, McG. Deacon, Elliott, Furneaux, Gere, Hapai, C. C. Kennedy, Ridgway, Jules Richardson, Reid, Severance, Canario, A. M. Brown, McKay, Richards.

Messrs. Rev. J. A. Cruzan, Combs, Dow, Elliot, Furneaux, Hapai, Chas. Hyde, C. C. Kennedy, McClelland, McKay, Nichols, Romaine, R. E. Richards, Clarence Robinson, L. Severance, Alvah Scott, Fraser.

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**UNDER THE BEHRING STRAITS.**

**Plan to Join Alaska and Siberia by Railway.**

Tacoma (Wash.), April 22.—Captain John J. Healy, formerly general manager of the North American Trading and Transportation Company announced today that John Abbott of Manchester, England, is now in England to finance a company which intends building a railroad from Valdez to Eagle City. Healy thinks that the work will be started this year. He desires to see the route taken by Klondike and other Yukon trade transferred to American soil. As the Tanana valley develops he believes the railroad in question will be extended westward down the Yukon river to Nome and thence to Behring strait, with an eventual connection with the Transsian Railway in Siberia.

Captain Healy is in close touch with Captain Delobel of the French army, who has formed a French Company to extend the Valdes-Eagle Railroad across Behring strait and through Northern Siberia. Delobel's company is negotiating with the Russian Government for a right of way across Siberia. Captain Healy says that boats cannot be depended upon for transit across Behring strait, and Delobel therefore intends tunneling under the strait, a distance of nearly twenty miles. Soundings show the greatest depth of the strait to be 180 feet.

**GUATEMALAN TOWNS DAMAGED.**

**Large Proportion of Hundreds of Victims Were Women.**

Guatemala City, Monday, April 21.—The details which are being received here of the result of the earthquake shocks which were general throughout Guatemala Friday, Saturday and Sunday show that Solola, Nahuala, Amatitlan, Santa Lucia and San Juan were badly damaged, and that Quezaltenango was partly obliterated and fire added to the horrors at the last-named place. Two hundred persons were killed, mostly women, and many people were injured.

At the capital three churches were slightly damaged. The Government is relieving the sufferers.

**Kentucky Contempt.**

Washington, April 21.—The House today entered upon consideration of the military academy bill. In addition to the regular items, it contains provision for the extensive improvement of the grounds and buildings at West Point. These improvements are to cost \$6,500,000 and are appropriated in the bill.

Gilbert of Kentucky took occasion to reply to some remarks recently made by Gillett of Massachusetts, Bromwell of Ohio and General Funston, which he thought reflected upon his State. In the course of his remarks Gilbert said that in Kentucky, and in fact in all the South, they looked with supreme contempt upon the social equality of the races. The most ignorant white girl in his State, he said, would infinitely prefer to marry the lowest, meanest, most ignorant white man in the world to the most cultivated negro in America.

**Manila Editor Fined.**

Manila, April 22.—The editor of the Volcano was sentenced today to one day's imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$100 for demanding the removal of the Judge who recently tried Senor Valdez, editor of the Miao, who was fined for libeling Filipino members of the United States Commission, which was trying the editor of Freedom under the sedition law.

**General Mercier Stoned.**

Paris, April 21.—As General Mercier, formerly Minister of War, was leaving a political meeting at La Ferte-Bernard, in the department of Sarthe, at which he had presided, he was stoned, and sustained a wound in the head.

**Kangaroos Have the Plague.**

Sydney (N. S. W.), April 21.—Bubonic plague has appeared among the wallaby (smaller kangaroos) in the zoological gardens here, which have been closed to the public.

**ROOSEVELT FAVORS ROAD.**

**Urges an Appropriation for an Investigation of the Matter.**

Washington, April 22.—The President today transmitted to the Senate a report made by the Secretary of State concerning the action of the Pan-American Congress recently held in the City of Mexico on the subject of the suggested Pan-American railway connecting the American continents. The Secretary calls attention to the request of the conference that the United States appoint a commission to investigate the question at issue, and urges that two commissions accordingly be appointed. The President indorses the suggestion and says:

"I recommend an appropriation by Congress of the sum of \$200,000 or as much thereof as may be necessary to enable the President to appoint the commissioners to visit Central and South America to carry the purpose of the resolution into effect and to investigate and report upon the means of extending the commerce of the United States with those regions."

**TO AMEND EXCLUSION BILL.**

**Californians at Work on Conference Committee.**

Washington, April 21.—Representatives Kahn and Combs called upon the President today and discussed the Chinese exclusion bill with him. They told the President they believed the bill as it passed the Senate should be amended, and submitted the draft of an amendment they had drawn up. Their principal contention was that the exclusion laws should be passed without limitation as to time, and that the act of September 13, 1888, commonly called the Scott act, should be re-enacted by express reference to sections. The President said that he concurred in the belief that the exclusion laws should be extended without limitation and without reference to the life of the present treaty.

**Might Have Been King.**

Lord Munster, who was accidentally killed near Koorstad, only succeeded to the earldom last April. He was the grandson of William IV. and Mrs. Jordan, and bore the royal arms. The first Earl was Colonel George Fitz-Clarence, who had a distinguished career in the army, being with Wellington in the Peninsular war and subsequently in India. After his retirement he was made a peer in 1831 and died 11 years later. But for the passing of the royal marriage act assuming King William's marriage to have been otherwise regular—the Earl of Munster would have been King of England.—The London Tatler.

**Palma Talks of His Plans.**

Havana, April 21.—President-elect Palma and his party left Gibara this afternoon for Holguin. In an interview Senor Palma said he would combine Cuban postal and telegraph services under one head and make General Fernando Figuerd director of the united department. He has decided to appoint Juan Rios Rivera chief of the Cuban customs; Carlos Zaldo Secretary of State and Senor Yero secretary of Instruction. The President-elect said he regarded the Spanish element in Cuba as an indispensable factor in the happiness of the future republic.

**Kaiser Accepts Rhodes' Gift.**

Berlin, April 21.—It is announced that Emperor William has notified the executors of the will of Cecil Rhodes of his country's acceptance of the trust relative to the German scholarships at Oxford.

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